CHILD LABOR LAW

JUDGE RULES ON KEATON-OWEN ACT-FEDERAL LAW IS HELD TO BE UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

Congress Can Regulate Trade Among States, But Not the Internal Conditions of Labor, Jurist Says-Uplifting of Morals Is Urged.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Greensboro, N. C .- Federal Judge Boyd, of the Western district of North Carolina, held the Keating-Owen child labor law to be unconstitutional and enjoined the United States District Attorney, William C. Hammer, and his "successors, assistants, deputies and agents" from enforcing in the district the provisions of the act of Congress, which becomes effective. The decision of Judge Boyd came at the conclusion of three days of argument on the constitutionality of the act. The case Roland H. Dagenhart and his minor sons, Reuben and John, of Charlotte, who sought to restrain a Charlotte the two boys. In announcing his decision Judge Boyd said he was gratified by the candor of Prof. Thomas I. Parkinson, of Columbia University, representing the Department of Jus. Administration, which may buy the tice, who asserted that Congress had used its power over interstate commerce for the object of regulation of regulation of the entire wheat industry tional army, and their relatives and local conditions within the state and lower prices for flour and bread will other friends will wish to write to the discouragement of child labor.

BREAD TO COST TEN CENTS

Basis Estimated on Sixteen Ounce Size, Which Might Retail at Eight Cents, Is Possible.

Washington.-Prospects of an early and radical reduction in bread prices apparently vanished when Herbert Hoover, the Food Administrator, announced that the best the public may expect is a sixteen-ounce loaf for 10 cents or, possibly, eight cents. The eight-cent loaf of 16 ounces is possible, Mr. Hoover said, only if bakers, retailers and consumers unite to eliminate wasteful distribution methods and cooperate to obtain a standardized loaf. The price of family flour, Mr. Hoover said, should be reduced, at the present price of wheat, at least \$2 or \$3 a barrel. Bakers' flour, however, will sell little cheaper than at present.

Next War Loan Opens October 1. next liberty loan campaign has been upon for aid. Two fires in the Siskiment for October 1. Subscription were reported to be uncontrolled at the Council Assembly at Moscow assurbooks will close November 1 unless Portland Federal Forestry offices. the program is altered. The amount, the interest rate, the denomination of the bonds and other details will be announced after Congress disposes of that the next offering will approximate \$3,000,000,000. Whether it will be advertised by the Government through paid newspaper space is under consideration, but Secretary McAdoo said the cost of such an undertaking would mines or submarines is shown by the lors are prepared to deal with enemies exceed the appropriation now available for the purpose.

Bill to Ban Sending Troops Abroad. Washington.-Unanimous adverse report on Senator Hardwick's bill t prohibit sending drafted troops abroac vorable recommendation was given to been destroyed. Senator Fletcher's bill providing that enlistment of Americans with forces of nations at war against Germany shall not cause loss of American citizenship.

Heavy Deficit Shown.

Zurich.-The Austrian budget for 1916-1917 shows a deficit of 344,000,000 crowns, compared to a deficit of 49,-000,000 crowns in the preceding year. Two of the largest items of expense are 171,000,000 crowns for interest on war loans and 1,650,000,000 crowns for the support of soldiers' families. Special and direct war expenses are not included in the budget.

Police To Make Cleanup.

Chicago, Ill.-Confessions made by Edward Taylor, who led the police to press messengers at the Winslow south of Kokomo. Bros.' offices.

Near 60,000 Men Lost By British. London.—The total of British casualties on all fronts as reported in August is 59 811 divided as follows: Killed or died of wounds: Officers, 1,278; men, 10,942. Wounded or missing: Officers, 4,122; men, 43,469.

Nation is Taking Inventory.

Washington .- A volunteer army made up of 10,000 American housewives, 350,000 merchants and 35,000 farmers is engaged in taking an inventory of the nation's food supply. They are taking stock of the food they have on hand in the pantry and preserve wounds. closet, on the shelves and under the counter, in warehouses and grain elevators and in barns and bins on the farm. From the quantity reported by these the Bureau of Markets will estimate the total food stocks of the na-

Guns and Dynamite Found. Montreal.-The finding of 1,000 rifles thousands of cartridges and some sticks of dynamite in a house on Chatean Briand street was announced by the police. The discovery is assoclated by the authorities with threats made recently to organize resistance to the conscription bill.

D'Annunzio Is Wounded Rome.-Gabriele d'Annunzio, Italy's poet-aviator, has been wounded when

PRICE OF 1917 WHEAT UNCONSTITUTIONAL CROP FIXED AT \$2.20

FINDINGS GIVEN TO PRESIDENT. WHO APPROVES SCALE AS FIXED BY COMMITTEE.

Labor Wanted \$1.84, and Farmers \$2.50-Compromise Is Voted After Long Discussion.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.-The standard price for the 1917 wheat crop will be \$2.20 a bushel. President Wilson set this price, on the recommendation of the special committee of the food administration, headed by H. A. Garfield. The President asserted that Herbert Hoover had no part in fixing this price, and has expressed no opinion on it. The price, which is for No. 1 Northern, at Chicago, is below prices recorded recently for eash transactions in the crop at Chicago. It is put into effect as an intermediate step between the came before the court on injunction uncontrolled prices which have preproceedings brought in the name of vailed and the \$2 price set for the 1918 crop in the food control bill. Labor representatives on the committee SENDING MAIL TO SOLDIERS voted first for \$1.84 and the farmers cotton mill company from discharging \$2.50. After long discussion the compromise at \$2.20 was approved unan- How Letters for the Boys In the Naimously.

The President declares this price will be adhered to rigidly by the Food entire crop, if necessary, and believes thousand young men will be in the vaducer and the necessity of the war, office officials instruct their correprofit throughout the entire country.

FORESTS ARE SWEPT BY FIRE

In Montana, Oregon and Idaho-Situation Is Under Control in the State of Washington.

Spokane, Wash.-Except in Washington, where the situation was under control, forest fires of serious propor mail for each man will be distributed tions were raging in Montana, Oregon direct to his company and regiment. and Idaho. In Western Montana re. Until then it will be delivered through ports were that the fire in the Lolo his state section. Springs forest was burning along a front of almost 40 miles. Another five was burning a few miles west of Wallace, Idaho, near the Bitter Root Mountain divide, in the Coeur d'Alene for- Beth Material and Moral, Conference est. The supply of forest fire fighters in Montana has been exhausted, and Washington.-The opening of the Eastern Washington has been called set tentatively by the Treasury Depart- you Mountains of Southern Oregon sent to the members of the National

VESSELS LOST BY BRITISH

Vessels Sent Down.

of British vessels sunk last week by manner in which he and his counselweekly Admiralty statement issued of the new Government have aroused Eighteen vessels of more than 1.600 a greater confidence in the outcome of tons, as compared with fifteen the pre- their plans. vious week and five vessels of less than 1,600 tons, as against three the previous week were sent to the bottom. No fishing vessels were sunk. Since without their consent was ordered by April 25, 511 vessels, 391 of more than Democratic Monarchy Proposed May the Senate Military Committee. Fa. 1,600 tons and 120 smaller ones, have

WILL STANDARDIZE ARMS

Federal Bureau of Standards Soon To Erect Quarters To Cost Quarter of a Million Dollars.

Washington.-So great has grown and materials for the army and navy by the Bureau of Standards to pro- work of all the political leaders of the radicals. vide facilities for meeting the heavy various slav nations, and has, besides, demand. The building will be devoted the powerful support of the Entente exclusively to standardization of fire allies. arms and other supplies.

State Senator John E. Spaan Killed. Indianapolis, Ind .- John E. Spaan, the home of Edward Wheed, gave the Indianapolis, State Senator, was in- Federal Agents in Pursuit of Men Who authorities much valuable information stantly killed, and his wife, their son. in clearing up robberles and murders 6 years old, and Mrs. Spaan's cousin. committed within the last two years Mrs. John A. Kingham, of Indianapoand also aided them in their search lis, injured when their automobile was for the missing slayers of the two ex- struck by an interurban car a mile were seeking thieves who stole a mail

Revenue Officers Fired On.

turning from destroying an illicit still robbery was withheld at the time by alias Mrs. J. V. Seart, 50 years old. in the Blue Ridge Mountains, 40 miles government agents. One stolen check, from here, were fired on from ambush with indorsement forged, for \$5,800, and three of them were wounded was deposited in a checking account slightly. They believe they killed one in a Toledo bank. The depositor withof their attackers and wounded one. drew \$4,000. He has disappeared.

Canadian Losses Heavy.

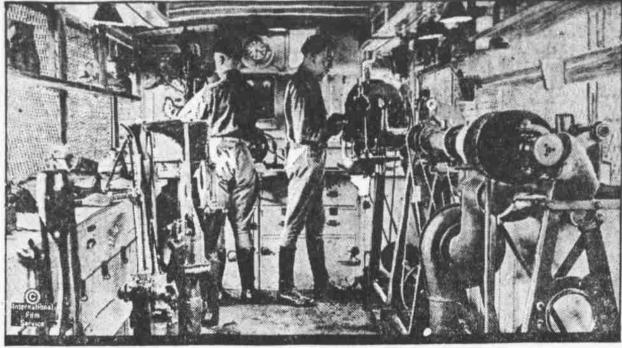
Ottawa, Ontario.-Results of the heavy fighting on the Canadian front are reflected in the casualty lists totaling over 1,000 for the week end. The noon list numbers 327, of whom 19 lo payroll robbery and murders, were killed in action and 33 died of stood off more than a hundred police

Government Buys Island. there and a modern hospital erected ed. He made a dash for liber; and at a cost of \$500,000.

Report on Explosion Completed. Washington,-The report of the Naval Board which investigated the killed and two others were injured recent fatal magazine explosion at seriously at a Pennsylvania railroad Mare Island Navy Yard has reached crossing near here. The dead men the Navy Department and its sub- were tomato pickers, riding to work stance probably will be made public in a wagon, which was run down by a after examination

Monastir Set Afire by 2,000 Shells. London.-Berlin reports to the Exchange Telegraph Company say that Monastir has been set on fire by lice Station and escaped with the in an aerial combat over the Austrian by shells, 2,000 of which have been money, watches and jewelry taken poured into the city.

SHOE REPAIR SHOP ON MOTORTRUCK



This complete shoe-repairing plant, mounted on a motortruck and trailer, has been presented to the Massachusetts National Guard by the United Shoe Machinery company at Boston. The repairing machinery is carried in the truck, while the supplies and bunks for the workmen are carried in the trailer.

tional Army Camps Should Be Addressed.

Washington.-Before long several that with the Food Administration's rious cantonment camps of the Naresult. The committee declares that them. In order to expedite the dein arriving at its decision it considered livery of their mail and give the boys the necessity of encouraging the pro- the best service possible, the post-Its decision, the committee says, was spondents, if they know in advance based by the President's instructions the company and regiment to which on the cost of production plus a fair the soldier is assigned, to address mail according to this sample:

PRIVATE JOHN JONES, A Company, First Infantry, Camp Dodge, Iowa. If the company and regiment are

not known, the mail should be addressed thus: PRIVATE JOHN JONES,

of Minnesota, Camp Dodge, Iowa. When all troops are organized the

at Moscow Was Informed By President Wilson.

Washington. - President Wilson ances that this Government is willing to extend "every material and moral assistance" to the Government of Russia. No official comment was made by

SLAVS PLAN NEW KINGDOM

Become One of Leading Powers of World-Supported By Allies.

Corfu, Island of Corfu.-The Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Serbia, the venerable Nikola Pachitch, summed up for the Associated Press nation of the Southern Slavs which is

POUCH AND \$17,000 STOLEN

Take Valuable Mail From Michigan Station.

O. - Government agents pouch containing \$17,000 in checks and drafts, remittances from Toledo banks, at a railroad station in Hills-Lynchburg, Va.—Revenue officers re- dale, Mich., 10 days ago. News of the

Lone Bandit Stands Off Police. Chicago.-One lone bandit, Edward Wheede, alias "The Ammunition Kid," wanted for participation in the Winsfor an hour in a barricaded cottage on Thomas street. He emptied an automatle pistol into the ranks of the po-Norfolk, Va.-Craney's Island has lice with such skill that three officers been bought by the Government. A fell wounded, and the police believed quarantine base will be established they had a band of robbers surround-

was captured.

Seven Men Hurled To Death. Aberdeen, Md.-Seven men were train.

Strong Box In Police Station Looted Chicago.-A thief broken open the strong box in the South Chicago Pofrom prisoners for safek; eping.

FIERCE BLOWS DEALT TEUTONS ON PLATEAU

TAKE DESPERATE STAND, RELY-ING ON POWERFUL DEFENSE TO HOLD GROUND.

Italians Are Victorious North of Gorizia, But Are Pushed Back on the Trentino Front.

of the Bainsizza Plateau, where one sion and propositions of the bloodiest battles of the war has eastern extremity of the battlefield the antee of anything that is to endure." Austrians are depending in the su- he says. And later he adds: preme struggle upon a powerful sysbreathes absolute confidence that these the possibility of a covenanted peace. positions, desperately as they are be-UNCLE SAM TO ASSIST RUSSIA of Gorizia. More than 1,000 additional every heart not blinded and hardened prisoners have been taken by them.

PACIFISTS MADE TO LEAVE

Meb of Thousand Enraged Citizens of Wisconsin Town Protest to Peace Meeting.

Hudson, Wis.-Secretary Lochner, publicity agent; William Charles Kruse, President of the New York Government officials on Premier Ker. Brotherhood Welfare Association; the pending bond bill. Indications are Increase Loss Is Recorded at Hands ensky's speech before the members of Miss Florence Margolz, of New York, the council, but it was made clear the President of the Workers' Council, sentiments expressed by the Russian her woman secretary and a woman leader heartily were approved here. stenographer, of the headquarters of London.-An increase in the number His declaration indicating the firm the National People's Peace Council, were run out of town by a mob of 1.000 persons. The action followed plans of the People's Peace Council to arrange for a meeting at Hudson after having been barred from meeting in Minnesota by Gov. Burnquist.

Favor Taking of Over Billion Dollars-Radical Step Made To Save Measures, 'Tis Said.

Washington -The Senate Finance Committee advised the seizure of more than a billion dollars' worth of war the main features of the proposed new profits. With startling suddenness the committee revised its plan and decided to unite under one flag and one king a to take not \$150,000,000, but almost self-governing population of some 14. \$500,000,000 in addition to a like sum the work of standardizing equipment 000,000 people. This, in effect, is the in the bill. Friends of the war revappearance of a new state in the sig- enue bill considered the radical step that a temporary building is to be terhood of nations. And it is no dream necessary in order to save their measerected shortly at a cost of \$250,000 of enthusiasts, for it is the careful ure from being slashed to bits by the

Bread Ration Curtailed.

The Hague.-The Dutch Minister of Agriculture has decided that the bread ration of 2,800 grams a head must suffice for 11 days after September 2 When bread tickets first were issued seven days was the period for this ration; later it was extended to nine days, but the increasing scarcity is causing a further reduction in the consumption.

Woman "Speculator" Held.

Des Moines, Iowa.-Des Moines police received information of the arrest in New York City of Mrs. C. V. Dale. said to have been a member of a group of "speculators" that obtained more than \$15,000 in Des Moines through the sale of imaginary land near Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Vessel Carrying Grain To Italy Sunk. An Atlantic Port .- The Greek steamship Nea-Ellas, a vessel of 3,517 tons gross register, which left Baltimore treasonable or incendiary character, a May 20, with a cargo of grain for Italy. was sunk June 9 in the Mediterranean | was sentenced in a Magistrate's Court by a Serman submarine, according to to pay a fine of \$50 or go to jail for William White, a member of the crew, who arrived here on a French steamer.

Gale Sweeps England. London.-A great gale accompanied was done to fruit and grain crops.

Americans Are Wounded. Ottawa.-The casualty list of the Canadian overseas forces contains the following names of Americans: Wounded, C. H. Greene, Florence, Neb.; J. L. Best, Topeka, Kan., and R. Casey, Knowlton, Wisconsin.

Plateau Is Captured. Rome -The Stefani News Agency announced on the authority of the high

PRESIDENT REPLYS TO POPE'S PEACE PROPOSAL

U. S. Rejects Plan-Peace Treaty Must Be More Than "Scrap of Paper," Nation's Executive Says.

Washington.-President Wilson rejected the peace proposals of Pope Renedict XV. In a note sent to the Pope, he declared that the United States must continue to fight until it is satisfied that a peace treaty would be more than another "scrap of paper" to be torn by Germany's rulers at will. While the President's note is a rejec-London.-The Austrians are making tion of peace at this time, it leaves a desperate stand on the eastern edge the road wide open for further discus-

"We can not take the word of the been raging for three days. Along the present rulers of Germany as a guar-

"We must await some new evidence tem of defense, long since prepared for of the purposes of the great peoples just such an eventuality. Against this of the Central Empires. God grant it line the Italians have been launching may be given soon, and in a way to re incessant hammer blows. Every bul- store the confidence of all peoples letin from the Italian War Office everywhere in the faith of nations and

President Wilson declared flatly ing defended, will be overcome. New against an economic war after peace headway has been registered by the is declared and against indemnities. In Italians on the heights to the north the note the President says that while by the terrible war must be touched by the moving appeal of His Holiness, it would be folly to take the path of peace he points out if it does not in fact lead to the goal he proposes. To deal with such a power as the present rulers of Germany upon Pope Benedict's plan, declares the President, would involve a recuperation of the strength and renewal of the world domination of that power, "now balked, but not defeated after sweeping a continent with the blood of innocent women and children and the heipless poor as well as of soldiers."

POLICE WAGE BITTER BATTLE

In New York-They Arrest Six Per sons Outside Men's Night Court.

New York.-Disturbances at street corner meetings reached a climax at TO SEIZE BIG WAR PROFITS the gathering of the Friends of Irish Freedom at Thirty-fifth street and Broadway. The police waged a bitter battle with a mob of 5,000 persons, and six persons were arrested. A veritable riot occurred outside of the men's Night Court when the men prisoners were taken there for arraignment. It was necessary to summon police reserves to the court building to clear the streets. The iron gates to the building were closed and locked and police had a difficult time preventing the mob from rushing them. Many persons were trampled on at the meeting itself and also in the disturbance outside the court house.

NEED SEVEN THOUSAND CARS

Sent Into Food Producing and Forest Sections to Facilitate Movement of Commodities.

New York,-More than 7,000 additional empty freight cars have been ordered into the south and southwest within the last ten days to protect movements of grain and food products and to facilitate lumber transportation for cantonments and shipyards, it was announced by Fairfax Harrison, chairman of the railroad war board Nearly 2,500 of these cars have been placed in grain producing states, 4,537 have been sent into lumber states. while 400 others have been ordered to one of the Atlantic coast lines to protect the unexpected increase in general freight traffic.

Woman Sentenced for Slurring Marine New York .- In the campaign in this clover mixed \$18.50@19.00. city to suppress street speeches of a woman speaker, Mrs. Bertha Fraser, 30 days for disorderly conduct. She was held to be guilty of making disrespectful reference to the uniform of a United States marine, the Judge declaring in sentencing her: "If this kind by a heavy rain prevailed throughout of speechmaking is continued the authe British Isles. Considerable damage; thorities must stop it and with an iron hand."

> Stole Truck Load of Shoes. New York -Accused of stealing shoes for the Cuban army, Mathew Mc-Guire and Morris Gershon are under arrest. They are charged with the larceny of a truck load of shoes consigned to the Cuban government, valued at

Heavy Loss of Life Caused by Fire. Copenhagen.-The foundry of the Schwartzkopf Torpedo Works in Bercommand, that the entire Bainsizza lin was destroyed by fire. There are Plateau is in the hands of the Italian rumors that a considerable loss of life attended the fire.

MEN HAVE QUEER AVERSIONS

Cases Have Been Related of Some Who Would Faint at the Mere Sight of Roses.

A case is related of a monk who would faint on seeing a rose and who never quitted his cell at the monastery while that flower was blooming. Another authority tells us of how Vincent, the great painter, would swoon upon going suddenly into a room where roses were blooming, says London Tit-Bits.

Valtaid tells us of an army officer who was frequently thrown into violent convulsions by coming in contact with the little flower known as the pink, while the same authority also tells of the case of a lady who, if present when linseed was being boiled violent fits of coughing, swelling of the face, and partial loss of reason for the ensuing 24 hours.

Writing of these peculiar antionthies and aversions, Montague remarks that he has known men of undoubted courage who would much rather face a shower of cannon balls than look at an apple. In Zimmermann's writings there is an account of lady who could not bear to touch either silk or satin, and would almost faint if by accident she should happen to touch the velvety skin of a peach.

Would Conserve Garbage. The latest campaign to be launched by the department of agriculture is one for the conservation of garbage. Conservation campaigns have been cutting down the contents of the garbage pall as far as possible, but there will always be a source of fats and fertilizer material, both of which are sorely needed all over the world. The department hopes to induce every city of any size to install a reduction plana to recover these materials from the garbage. An average load of garbage contains 2 per cent of grease and 20 per cent of tankage, which latter is a valuable fertilizer. The food conservation campaign, however, is showing its results in a reduction of the amount of fatty material in the garbage.

Gas Fires New Gun.

In a new gun the propelling agent is compressed carbon dloxide. The carbon dioxide is contained in a small case that fits into the gunstock, and that holds enough gas for from 100 to 800 shots. Pulling the trigger releases the requisite amount of the gas to propel the shot from the barrel. With small shot the gun has a range of about 80 and will probably continue until the feet; with bullets a range of about 130 last apple is eaten up late next spring.

Her Testimonial.

A bride who was deserted a fortnight after her marriage has exhibited e letter from her husband, explaining that he married her to escape the army and has now joined the army to escape her.—Providence Journal.

Growth of United States. During the 50 years from 1850 to 1900, the United States increased in area from 2,997,119 square miles to 3,026,789; in population, from 23,191, 876 to 75,094,575; in farms and farm property, from \$3,967,343,580 to \$30,-430.901.164: in manufacturing establishments, from 123,025 to 207,514; in value of manufactured products, from \$1.019.106.616 to \$11,406,926,701; in number of depositors in savings banks from 251,364 to 6,107,033; in miles of railway operated from 9,021 to 194,

The Dog Forgot. Victim-Confound your dog, madam! It's nearly bitten a piece out of

my leg. Owner (discressed)-I am truly sory, sir. Naugthy little Daphne! After all my efforts to make Wednesday your meatless day .- Punch.

Window Garden. "Got a back yard?" "Nope. I live in a flat." "Doing your bit?" "Yes. I'm raising a couple of onions

n a tomato can."

Keep Moving. Keep moving! That is life's secret all the way. When progress ceases, you begin to lose ground. When growth is at an end, decay begins. Do not let yourself think you know enough, even though your diploma is hanging framed upon the wall. Do not imagine you are good enough, even though your acquaintances unite in speaking well to you. Keep moving!

credit means loss,-Girl's Companion. CINCINNATI MARKETS.

The day that shows no gain to your

Flour, Hay and Grain. Flour-Winter patents \$10.50@11, winter fancy \$19@10.50, winter faully \$9.50@10, winter extras \$8.50@9, ow grade \$8@8.50. Corn-No. 1 white \$2.02@2.04, No. 1

yellow \$1.98, No. 1 mixed \$1.98, white ear \$2@2.02, yellow ear \$1.93@1.95, mixed ear \$1.92@1.94. Hay-No. 1 timothy \$19@19.50, No. 2 \$18.50@19, No. 3 \$17.50@18, No. 1 Oats-No. 2 white 591/2@60c, stand-

ard white 59@5914c. No. 3 white 58% @59c, No. 2 mixed 56@57c, No. 3 mixed 54@55c. Wheat-No. 2 red \$2.20@2.21, No. 3 red \$2.17@2.19, No. 4 red \$2.14@2.16, No. 5 red \$2.10@2.14.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry. Butter-Whole milk creamery oxtras 431/4c, centralized creamery 9xtras 41c, firsts 39c, seconds 351/2c Eggs-Prime firsts 38 4c. firsts 37c. ordinary firsts 341/4c, seconds 30c. Live Poultry-Broilers, 2 lbs and

over, 26c; 1½ lb and over, 26c; under

11/2 lb. 26c; fowls, 31/2 lbs and over, 22c; under 3½ lbs, 22c; roosters, 15c. Live Stock. Cattle-Shippers \$9@12; butcher steers, extra \$10.25@11.50, good to choice \$9@10, common to fair \$6.50@ 8.75; heifers, extra \$8.75@9.50, good to choice \$8@8.50, common to fair \$5.50@7.50; cows, extra \$8@8.75, good

to choice \$7@7.75. Bulls-Bologna \$7@7.75, fat bulls \$8@8.50. Hogs-Selected heavy shippers \$18.50@18.60, good to choice packers and butchers \$18.45@18.50, mixed packers \$18@18.40, stags \$11@15, it with a founta common to choice heavy fat sows \$11 accounts for it."

@15.75.

UNCLE SAM TAKES KEEN INTEREST IN 1917 APPLE CROP

Our Big Fruit Harvest Must Be Used to Help Save Wheat and Meat for Allies.

FOOD ADMINISTRATION PLANS

for any purpose, would be seized with "Consumer Campaign" Throughout the Land to Aid in Home Consumption During Autumn, Winter and Spring of Next Year.

> Uncle Sam takes the keenest interest in this year's apple crop. For the fruit must be used to help save wheat and meats for our allies.

> The food administration is planning a consumer campaign of publicity throughout the country.

This year's apple crop calls for intelligent handling. The latest government reports indicate a crop of about 190,000,000 bushels. That is a little below normal. Good prices are assured for all honestly packed, first quality apples, and also for bonestly packed, selected second grades, which government experts say can be put late storage. When the crop is big ft does not pay to store second grades, but this year, despite the fact that we cannot ship our usual 2,000,000 barrels of apples abroad, because shipping space is precious, we should be able to get fair prices for all good apples at home.

Careless packing of poor quality fruit has always been one of the chief causes of market instability and unsatisfactory prices to the growers. This year the whole apple industry is co-operating to remove this market handicap. There has never been an apple year such as this one is going to be. Growers have never been able to get together and engage and finance. a national educational campaign among consumers to increase apple consumption. This year the situation makes it necessary for the United States government, through the food administration, to condust a consumer's campaign of publicity on behalf of the apple. This campaign will begin while the crop is being sent to market, So the grower has three great incentives for grading, packing and storing this crop with especial care.

1. It is a good crop and calls for

2. The government will encourage apple eating and apple storage and will discourage speculation that raises the price abnormally.

3. We must eat up at home more than two million barrels of apples, which would ordinarily be exported.

To get the best of the crop to the market in prime condition fit must be picked carefully at the time of maturity and promptly cooled in temporary storage, and then skillfully graded and packed. Second-grade fruit should not go into barrels or boxes. If it cannot be marketed in bulk in near-by consuming centers, then it should be worked up into by-

products along with the culls. There has been a gratifying improvement in apple marketing the past two or three years. Western appies are boxed to strictly honest standards, by the great co-operative growers' organizations in Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho and Colorado. The eastern barrel apple has also been wonderfully improved in New York and other states. Because apples are honestly packed and give the best possible value for the money, there is an increase in the consumer demand. Retail merchants who were formerly almost afraid to buy apples in barrels. because they were not sure of getting marketable values for their money. are now buying freely and in confidence. This good work makes it possible for the government to go further and encourage the use of apples as a

war-time food measure. Because the bulk of the crop will be picked by volunteer workers this year. and put into common storage until the grower can find time to grade and pack, there will be an opportunity to give closer personal attention to the grading and packing than might be the case if the crop were handled as in peace times. For the grower who desires instructions in apple packing, the department of agriculture at Washington has information in bulletin form. These bulletins can be secured free by writing to the department. Growers will do well to obtain a few copies for their pickers and packers,

Find a Use for Rats.

The city authorities of Stockholm have begun a campaign against rats by offering a reward of 21/2 cents for every dead one. While it is hoped thus to reduce the rat plague considerably, the chief end is to get an important addition to the stocks of fats available for the making of soaps and lubricants. The rats are treated in a "corpse utilization establishment." where, after the fat has been bolled out, what remains is converted into a poultry food. South Sweden has for some time been utilizing cadavers of animals. Considerable fat is also obtained by skimming large containers placed in the sewers leading from hotels, restaurants and other places where there is an unavoidable waste of fat.

Free From Any Such Taint. Parson-"This eccentricity you speak of in your daughter, isn't it, after all, a matter of heredity?" Girl's Mother-"No sir. I'd have you know that there was never any heredity in our family."-Boston Transcript.

One Explanation.

"I like this poem of yours to a brook. It fairly gurgles. You evidently wrote it by a rippling rill." "Not exactly," said the poet," but I did write it with a fountain pen. Maybe that